

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening element having a rear grip member (11; 31; 52; 64) ~~for introduction~~ introduced into a mounting opening (17) of a hollow body (2; 63), in a first position, and for gripping holding projections (6.1, 6.2; 75.1, 75.2) arranged in the hollow body (2; 63), in a second position, and at least one stop (12; 53; 65) for ~~front outward~~ outwardly biasing the edges (5.1, 5.2) of the hollow body longitudinal walls abutting the mounting opening (17), wherein the stop (12, 53, 65) is connected with the rear grip member (11; 31; 52; 64) by a fastener means (13; 54; 66), wherein a spacer element (14, 33, 55, 67) having at least one securing means (15.1, 15.2, 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) is arranged between the stop (12. 53; 65) and the rear grip member (11; 31; 52; 64) for temporary fixing of the rear grip element (11; 31; 52; 64) in at least one of the first position and the second position, and wherein each of the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) is mounted spring-biased on the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67).

2. (Original) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) is a separate part.

3. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the at least one securing means (15.1, 15.2, 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) comprises a projection for engaging in at least one holder (56.1, 56.2) including a complementary securing means, for example a recess (16.1, 16.2, 18.1, 18.2; 69.1, 69.2, 70.1, 70.2), wherein the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) and the complementary securing means (16.1, 16.2, 18.1, 18.2; 56.1, 56.2; 69.1, 69.2, 70.1, 70.2) co-operate form-locking in at least one of the first and the second position and wherein the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) and the complementary securing means (16.1, 16.2, 18.1, 18.2; 56.1, 56.2; 69.1, 69.2, 70.1, 70.2) ~~can be~~, by virtue of an axial movement of the fastening means (13; 54; 66), positioned positionable perpendicular to the stop (12; 53; 65), the fastening element (1; 51; 61) between the first position and the position serving as the transport position, and at least one other position serving as a securing position.

4. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 3, wherein at least double twice as many complementary securing means (16.1, 16.2, 18.1, 18.2; 69.1, 69.2, 70.1, 70.2) are provided on the stop (12; 65) as securing means (15.1, 15.2; 68.1, 68.2) on the spacer element (14;33;67) for producing at least the transport position and the at least one securing position of the fastening element (1; 51; 61).

5. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the stop
(12; 53; 65) comprises recesses (16.1, 16.2; 69.1, 69.2) and wherein the
securing means are two projections (15.1, 15.2; 68.1, 68.2) arranged
diametrically opposed on the spacer element (14; 33; 67) that, in the first
position, engage form-locking in two recesses (16.1, 16.2; 69.1, 69.2) of the
connection, wherein the recesses (16.1, 16.2; 69.1, 69.2) receive the
projections (15.1, 15.2; 68.1, 68.2) only in part.

6. (Original) The fastening element of claim 3, wherein the complementary
securing means (16.1, 16.2; 69.1, 69.2) defining one of the first position and
the transport position have a depth X for the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 68.1,
68.2), and the complementary securing means (18.1, 18.2; 70.1, 70.2)
defining one of the second position and the securing position have a depth
(X1) greater than the depth (X).

7. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the spacer
element (14; 33; 55; 67) is an essentially annular element arranged on the
~~side of the fastening element (1; 51; 61) facing away from the rear grip~~
member (11; 31; 52; 64) towards the stop (12; 53; 65).

8. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) has spring biased, two clips (19.1, 19.2; 34.1, 34.2; 74.1, 74.2) that, in one of the second position and the securing position, clamps the fastening element (1; 51; 61) to the holding projections (6.1, 6.2; 75.1, 75.2); wherein said holding projections (6.1, 6.2; 75.1, 75.2) are situated perpendicular to the stop (12; 53; 65).

9. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 8, wherein the each clip (34.1, 34.2) has an integrated stop (35.1, 35.2).

10. (Currently Amended) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) forms one piece with the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) ~~and the spring biased elements (43.1, 43.2, 44.1, 44.2)~~.

11. (Original) The fastening element of claim 3, wherein the complementary securing means (16.1, 16.2, 18.1, 18.2; 69.1, 69.2, 70.1, 70.2) is a recess.

12. (Original) The fastening element of claim 10, wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) is made of a plastic.

13. (Original) The fastening element of claim 8, wherein the spring biased, two clips (19.1, 19.2; 34.1, 34.2; 74.1, 74.2) are arranged diametrically opposed to each other.

14. (New) The fastening element of claim 1, wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) has spring-biased elements (43.1, 43.2, 44.1, 44.2) arranged between the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) and the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2) and wherein the spacer element (14; 33; 55; 67) forms one piece with ~~the securing means (15.1, 15.2; 57.1, 57.2; 68.1, 68.2)~~ and the spring-biased elements (43.1, 43.2, 44.1, 44.2).